



Warrensburg Arts Commission Meeting

Minutes

July 17, 2023

5:00-6:00pm

Southeast Conference Room

City Hall

102 S Holden St.

Warrensburg, MO 64093

Zoom option was available

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. Quorum was established.

Roll Call:

Voting Members Present: Sarah Chamberlin, Steve Carter, Allison Robbins, Sue Kraus, Cindy Bechtol, Maya Kucij

Ex-Officio Present: Marcella McCoy, Eddie Osborne

Approval of Agenda: Sue motioned to approve, and Maya seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Sarah motioned to approve, and Cindy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

No **guests or visitors** were present.

Updates:

Marcella updated the Commission about the City's budget process for FY24, which should be completed by the end of August.

Commissioners welcomed Maya Kucij to the Commission, who was appointed to a term that expires in October 2023.

New Business:

Commissioners discussed entries to the Budget Book **photo contest** and selected the top three photos. Allison will forward the winning entries to Marcella.

Commissioners reviewed **the coloring book project** with WCVB. Allison, Steve, and Maya will schedule a meeting with Marcy Barnhart on Wednesday, July 26. Questions to discuss include the number of pages, the number of printed books, the timeline for the project, and the content desired by WCVB. Allison will seek an initial quote from Laserprint. Sarah will provide additional resources for coloring book bids.

Old Business:

Steve presented the art materials for giveaway at the **July art walk**. There are ten bags of art materials that may be given to children at the art walk and will serve as a pilot for other potential giveaway art projects. Allison and Maya will create an insert with instructions and information for submission of photos for social media. Allison, Sue, and Maya will set up for the July 19 art walk at 4:45 p.m. Sarah and Eddie noted how hot it was at the June art walk and suggested purchasing a tent for future events.

The Commission discussed planning for the **Community Theater Fundraiser**. Cindy outlined plans for auditions on August 8, for which they need a location. Allison will reach out to the Community Center to see if a room is available. The Commission discussed promotion for the auditions, which will include sharing on social media, submitting copy to the *Star Journal* and UCM Daily, contacting organizations at Whiteman, and scheduling a time with Woody at KOKO on August 25. Cindy has developed a poster/artwork for promotion and it will be ready upon securing the Community Center for auditions. Cindy noted the need for future rehearsal space and requested a discussion with the Community Center on the best way to make that happen efficiently.

The performance will be guided by three directors, each overseeing individual groups of actors. The Community Theater group continues to discuss the possibility of an emcee. Dates and times for the shows are planned as follows: October 13 - Evening Performance w/ Dinner; October 14 - Matinee with Snacks & Evening with Dinner; October 15 - Matinee with Snacks. Regarding food aspects, Allison will reach out to Senior Center contacts regarding dinner needs on October 13 and 14. Sue will reach out to Rise regarding snack sales for the matinees on October 14 and 15. Commissioners commented that working with local nonprofits will help them raise funds and work towards the Commission goal of collaborating with other organizations.

The **next meeting** will take place on August 21 at 5 p.m. Agenda items for July will include pop-up tent purchase, movie night brainstorming, and continued Community Theater fundraiser planning.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:10 pm.